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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Sir:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Notices of Allowance and Allowability dated March 31, 2008 for the above-captioned patent application. During a final review of the application, Applicant would like to add a new claim. As the subject matter of this new claim has been previously examined and allowed, Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered prior to the issuance of this patent application. No new matter is added, and entry of this amendment does not require further consideration of the application. Please see a further explanation on page 5.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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